

- o. twelve at-large members to represent other health professional associations and to ensure regional representation.

Section 4. Terms of Membership.

The terms of membership of the Council shall be staggered so that the terms of approximately one-third of the members shall expire in a single calendar year. Eight members shall be designated to serve initial terms of one year, eight to serve initial terms of two years, and nine to serve initial terms of three years. After the first three years, all members shall be appointed for a term of three years. Terms shall expire on December 31 and new terms shall begin on January 1.

Section 5. Vacancies.

A vacancy occurring during a term of appointment is filled in the same manner as the original appointment and for the balance of the unexpired term.

Section 6. Travel Expenses.

Members of the Council shall receive necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. §138-5.

Section 7. Chairman.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor. The term of office for the Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be two calendar years. The Council may elect other such officers as it deems necessary.

Section 8. Meetings.

The Council shall meet quarterly and at other times at the call of the Chairman or upon written request of at least ten (10) of its members. All business meetings of the Council, its committees and subcommittees, or special task forces shall be open to the public.